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**Screenings of *Arab Indianapolis: A Hidden History***

*Program invites communities to uncover Arab stories and discuss shared Hoosier ties*

CITY (DATE, 2022)—Indiana Humanities is supporting community partners to host a film screening and discussion of *Arab Indianapolis: A Hidden History*, a film produced by Professor Edward E. Curtis IV, an Arab American and the William M. and Gail M. Plater Chair of the Liberal Arts at Indiana University, Indianapolis. The film explores what it means to be Arab in our state, and how Arab history is Hoosier history.

(Host Site Name) has been chosen by Indiana Humanities to serve as a host for this program.

The public is invited to enjoy *Arab Indianapolis: A Hidden History* at (Location, Address) on (Date) at (Start Time), followed by a facilitated discussion.

“In 2005, when I arrived in Indianapolis to take a new job, I had no idea that people like me had been living in the city since the 1800s. That hidden history inspired me to work with other Arab Americans to make a film that reveals our community’s origins and development,” said Curtis, executive producer of the film. “I hope that it makes everyone in attendance, no matter where they trace their roots, feel more at home in Indiana.”

As with other local host sites, [Host Site Name] organizers received a toolkit with discussion questions and activities and a facilitation guide to help make the program a success. In addition, each community partner is being given a $250 stipend to cover costs associated with the event.

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**About Indiana Humanities**

Indiana Humanities connects people, opens minds and enriches lives by creating and facilitating programs that encourage Hoosiers to think, read and talk. Learn more at [www.indianahumanities.org](http://www.indianahumanities.org/).

**About Arab Indianapolis**

Arab Indianapolis is a community project that aims to document the long history and contributions of Arab Americans to Greater Indianapolis. Directed by Professor Edward E. Curtis IV, it began with a blog in 2020 and has grown to include this documentary, a book, lesson plans and a digital heritage trail. Learn more at [https://arabindianapolis.com](https://arabindianapolis.com/).

**About Host Organization**

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